



ESTES PARK
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Helpful Hints for Homeowners

- Before re-entering buildings, check for structural damage that could affect the building's stability.
- If you smell gas, call 911 or Xcel at 1-800-772-7858 and report a gas leak.
- Stay away from electric circuit boxes in flooded basements or other areas.
- Do not go into flooded basements if electrical wires are present.
- Turn off electricity at the main breaker or fuse box, even if the power is off in your area or for your structure. Then you can re-energize the power when it is safe to do so.
- If water entered your heating or mechanical equipment, be sure to have it inspected by a qualified service technician prior to returning it to service. Failure to do so could produce a shock, endangering your life and may destroy equipment.
- Generators used to power a structure should not be connected until after all compromised wiring has been disconnected or replaced.
- If there is still water in your building, pump it out gradually, about one-third of the water per day, to avoid structural damage.
- Dry all areas and items quickly and thoroughly to prevent mold growth.
- Clean and disinfect all damp items and materials. Mud left from floodwaters can contain sewage and chemicals.
- If your building was damaged by recent flooding, you should register with FEMA and consult with your homeowner insurance company.